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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for
Authority to Construct and Place in Service Approximately
Three Miles of a New 138 kV Transmission Line and a New
Substation, Known as Ledgeview Substation, Located in
Fond du Lac County

6680-CE-158

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT
OF COSTS AND HEARING**

Direct Testimony Due:	September 1, 1999 – Noon
Hearing Date:	September 15, 1999 – 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.
Hearing Location:	Empire Town Hall, 4th Street Road, Empire Township, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.49(2) and 196.491(3), and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 111.43 and 112.05, of Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) for authority to construct and place in service approximately three miles of a new 138 kV transmission line and a new substation, known as the Ledgeview Substation. The project is located in the town of Empire in Fond du Lac County.

Copies of WP&L's application are available for public review at the Fond du Lac public library, at the office of the clerk of the town of Empire, at the office of the clerk of the city of Fond du Lac, and the office of the clerk of Fond du Lac County.

The application will be the subject of a public hearing. The hearing schedule appears above.

Project Need

WP&L is proposing the project in order to improve the reliability of the local electric system in the Fond du Lac area.

Project Location

The proposed project is located in the town of Empire, Fond du Lac County. The location of the proposed substation and associated 138 kV transmission line routes are detailed in the attached map. The substation would be located at the intersection of STH 23 and CTH UU.

There are four alternative 138 kV transmission line routes being considered. If the project is approved, the Commission will select one route for the transmission line.

Project Schedule

If the Commission approves the application, construction is scheduled to begin in June 2000. Construction is scheduled to be complete and the facilities in service by June 2001.

Project Review and Approval

The utility is responsible for giving notice to its customers of the filing of its application with the Commission and, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.73, for producing proof of notice at the hearing.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearing will be held on September 15, 1999, at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. in Empire Town Hall, 4th Street Road, Empire Township, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Parking for people with disabilities is available. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Interests or concerns expressed outside the hearing or after the close of the hearing cannot be used by the Commission to make its decision. Property owners or any other persons who have an interest or concern about the facilities or route are strongly urged to attend and participate in the public hearing. Members of the public who are not full parties may testify at the hearings **without pre-filing testimony prior to the hearing.**

Full parties shall file an **original and 20 copies** of direct and rebuttal testimony and exhibits with the Commission and shall provide a copy to other full parties. Direct testimony is due in hand by **noon on September 1, 1999**. A filing with the Commission may be made by facsimile for direct and rebuttal testimony, but the document filed by facsimile cannot exceed 20 pages. In addition, facsimile filings are due 24 hours earlier than the above dates to allow time for copying. The cover sheets of a facsimile file must state "Official Filing" and the number of pages. Copies of testimony should also be available at the hearing.

The testimony of WP&L and Commission staff witnesses will be available approximately two weeks prior to the hearing. Copies may be obtained in advance by calling Mohammed M. Monawer of the Commission staff at (608) 267-7778.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

Persons who desire to actively participate as full parties must request full party status in writing. Full party status requests should be addressed to Jeffrey Patzke, Hearing Examiner,

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, Examining Division, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). Commission staff will prepare an environmental assessment to determine if the preparation of an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. A preliminary determination regarding the need for an environmental impact statement will be issued before the public hearing.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey Butson, Public Affairs Director, at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Mohammed M. Monawer at (608) 267-7778.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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